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# ALIVE AT DELAPRE HAILED ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS...

## BUT WILL IT RETURN NOW THREE-YEAR DEAL HAS COME TO AN END?

**By Nick Spoons**  
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Three days of music concerts in Northampton were attended by an aggregate audience of 15,000 people, according to official figures.

Sold-out Jessie J was heard by the most fans at Delapre Park at the weekend, with her Saturday night show attracting 8,000 paying fans.

McBusted, on Friday and Alfie Boe on Sunday garnered an additional 7,000 people between them.

Councillor Brandon Eldred, cabinet member for community engagement, hailed the success of the festival, whose initial three-year run ends this year.

But he said no firm decision had been made about Alive at Delapre's future.

Councillor Eldred said:

"The Jessie J concert sold out and unfortunately we did have to turn people away trying to get tickets on the night but the 8,000 people who had managed to buy tickets had a great night.

"It was wonderful to see Jessie J wearing a T-shirt with Northampton printed on the front – firmly putting Northampton on the map.

"We committed to holding the concerts for three years and we will now review the success of the concerts over the three years as a whole and consider whether Alive at Delapre will return."

**'We will review the success of the concerts and consider whether it will return'**



Jessie J, pictured left, performed to more than 8,000 people at Alive at Delapre on Saturday night

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Assistant Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police Ivan Balhatchet launched the #followthemouse campaign on social media, which aims to raise awareness of the dangers of cyber crime.

# #followthemouse plea to tackle cyber crime

**By CALLUM JONES**  
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**A rise in cyber crime in the county has prompted Northamptonshire Police to launch an Online Safety Awareness week to help people use the internet more safely.**

Latest figures show in the past six months (January to June), the force recorded 95 cyber-related criminal offences, compared with 82 in the preceding six months (July to December 2014), or a total of 177 in the past 12 months.

The survey results revealed that one in four primary school-age children have seen something online that has upset them.

The figures also showed that 11 per cent of children aged between 11 and 15 have received requests for explicit images or sexual remarks, a

figure which increased to 26 per cent among those aged 16 to 18.

Children are again being asked to share their experiences by going to the survey website [www.surveymonkey.com/r/bigdebate](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bigdebate) during this week.

Northamptonshire Police will also be using its social media accounts to send out a series of informative and educational messages, targeted at parents and young people, around issues such as online grooming.

Last week, as part of the lead-up to the campaign, a series of countdown messages were displayed on digivans (mobile digital screens) which travelled around the county to generate awareness.

Over the weekend, officers, staff and volunteers were mobilised to distribute 15,000 Online Safety Awareness guidance leaflets in town centres across Northamptonshire.

Assistant Chief Constable Ivan Balhatchet said the number of cyber crime incidents such as grooming, cyber bullying and sexting had increased in the past 18 months.

He said: "A significant risk is undoubtedly that posed by online crime with a sexual element and the number of offences containing sexual grooming is increasing.

"The on-line streaming of real-time child sexual exploitation (CSE) and abuse and the use of the 'hidden web' has been highlighted as a growing threat.

"This is why it is so important to engage children, young people, parents and carers, to ensure they don't become victims in the first place.

"For those who do commit offences online, there is no safe hiding place. We will trace and prosecute offenders and will do everything we can to protect and support the vulnerable."

Mr Balhatchet said young people needed to follow a few simple rules such as not sending inappropriate photographs and making sure they had a secure password to increase their safety using the internet.

Adam Simmonds, the police and crime commissioner for Northamptonshire, said preventing online harm and protecting people was a key priority for both the force and his office.

He said: "As well as asking children and young people to share any upsetting experiences they've had online, we are also providing guidance and tailored messages throughout the week so that children, young people and their parents and carers know how to stay safe.

"This is a call to action for everybody across the county to #followthemouse all of this week," Mr Simmonds added.



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# Alien battle on

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Aliens are trying to infiltrate Northampton through a series of "portals" at well-known landmarks - that is if you are playing an increasingly popular mobile phone game sweeping the town.

Unbeknownst to all but a dedicated few, a virtual territory war is being fought in Northampton every day between humans an "exotic matter" from another planet in the form of the game Ingress.

It may not be a household name like Candy Crush, but the Android and iPhone app now boasts 10 million downloads worldwide and around 200 players here in Northampton.

The 'augmented reality' game sees players try and gain control of alien "portals" at places of cultural significance, in a sort of futuristic version of the board game Risk.

Only Ingress, which uses a smartphone's GPS tracking and camera, requires gamers

to physically walk (or run) to the points of interest around the town such as the Roadmender, Northampton Crown Court and several churches including the Hold Church of the Sepulchre in Sheep Street.

"I would say I'm fairly addicted to it," said keen player Sean Anderson, of Headlands, "I tried playing Candy Crush for a while, but that sort of thing just gets so repetitive."

Ingress can offer such variety and literally take you to new places."

The premise of the game, according to developers Niantic, centres around a mystery alien energy, which is infiltrating the world through various portals.

A player can chose to join one of two factions: the 'Enlightened' which seeks to "embrace the power this energy may bestow upon us," or the "Resistance," which, quite simply, intends to stop it.

Players have to find the portals in their locality (using a GPS map) and take control of them, or 'hack' them, using a

**'You get a few strange looks playing it, but people have their phones all the time'**

range of gizmos in their virtual arsenal.

But while its roots are firmly grounded in science fiction, father of three Mr Anderson, 42, and a computer programmer by trade, says the game is attracting a wide range of players who view it as more of a way of life.

"A lot of people assume this is really geeky," he said, "But it's not all IT guys, some of the people I have met playing this are chefs, plumbers and housewives."

"You do get a few strange looks playing it, but then you see people walk around with their phones out all the time."

"As long as you keep your headphones in it's okay."



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# town's streets



A screenshot of the Ingress app in which players battle alien forces on the streets of Northampton.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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Billing Brook Special School received two awards in the Northamptonshire Education Awards, organised by the Chronicle & Echo, last week

# School 'outstanding in every way': Ofsted

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A special school in Northampton has been rated 'outstanding' in every category after a recent Ofsted inspection.

Billing Brook Special School, which has three sites in Northamptonshire and 208 pupils, was found to have the highest possible quality of teaching, governance and leadership after inspectors visited last month.

It is the second time in a row the school has received an "outstanding" Ofsted rating.

Caroline Grant,

headteacher, said it was a fantastic achievement and reflected the fact that staff worked together as a team.

She said: "I thought the report was a great read and I was delighted to find every aspect of the school was as strong as it was. Children feel safe at the school and you don't get that without great staff."

"The inspectors described us as a 'well oiled machine' and we work really well as a team."

The inspection report states the headteacher is "resolute" in her drive to make the excellent school even better and, as a result, pupils make

outstanding progress from their various starting points.

The report states: "The

headteacher and senior leaders work together very effectively as a team to implement new ideas and strategies. Consequently, the school is getting better and better."

"The sense of leadership and responsibility runs right through the school, and its subject and other middle leaders contribute significantly to the exciting way subjects are taught."

"Behaviour in lessons is exceptional. Pupils are keen to learn and waste no time getting fully involved in the exciting activities teachers prepare for them."

"Around the school, they are courteous and polite," the report added.

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# Hospice celebrates a decade in new home

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**Cynthia Spencer Hospice has been celebrating 10 years since the opening of its new building.**

A party was held earlier this month where those who were involved in raising funds to construct the building as well as staff and volunteers met together to celebrate the hospice and the work that it does.

John Helm, fundraising manager at the Cynthia Spencer Hospice Charity, said: "We are still enormously thankful to those who worked extremely hard 10 years ago fundraising to raise money needed to construct and open the new Cynthia Spencer Hospice building.

"The generosity of the people of Northamptonshire made our new building possible and their continued generosity has helped us thrive. It was lovely to see so many fa-

miliar faces and celebrate the achievements of the hospice over the last decade"

Richard Glasspool, service manager for specialist palliative care for Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, added: "The new building has given us a wonderful platform to develop our services over the last 10 years and help us to care for even more patients in Northamptonshire at the end of their life. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the hospice charity over the next 10 years and beyond."

The first building for Cynthia Spencer Hospice was opened in 1976 as an inpatient facility of 25 beds. At the time Cynthia Spencer Hospice was one of the first modern hospices in the country. A day unit was added in 1985 however by the late 1990s it soon became clear that the facilities at the Hospice fell well below those needed to provide a modern and acceptable standard of care. The sale of part of the



Guests at the party celebrating the 10th anniversary of their new home.

land on which the hospice stood combined with a £1.5 million fundraising campaign saw the construction of the hospice as we know it today.

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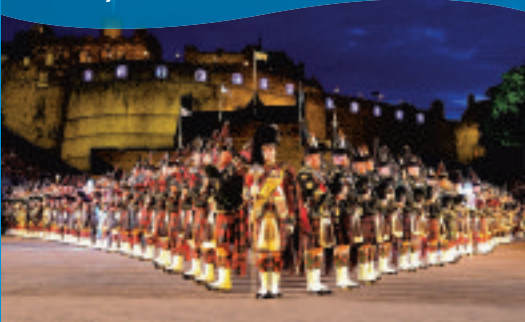
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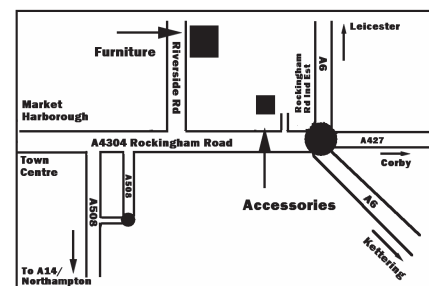
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# Derngate actor takes solo show to Edinburgh

By STEVE MILLS  
Reporter  
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**A woman has spoken of her excitement as she takes her one woman show based around the sketches of Victoria Wood to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.**

Mo Shapiro has toured village halls in Northamptonshire as well as The Guildhall with the show Victoria Wood and Me.

It will also be previewed on July 29 at the Richmond Village. It brings alive Wood's best loved characters through Gladys Winter, Victoria's number one fan.

Mo Shapiro uses Victoria Wood's songs and sketches to tell Gladys's story. Hers and Victoria's lives have a spooky



Mo Shapiro, a member of the Royal & Derngate Actors' Company, will be performing in Edinburgh.

synchronicity. As Gladys points out: "We were born on the same day, in the same year, at the same hospital - so we could almost be twins!"

Mo said: "This is the first time I have ever been to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. I am excited and terrified in equal measure."

The Harlestone woman is a member of the Royal and Derngate Actors' Company and most recently appeared in A Tale of Two Cities last year directed by the theatre's artistic director James Dacre.

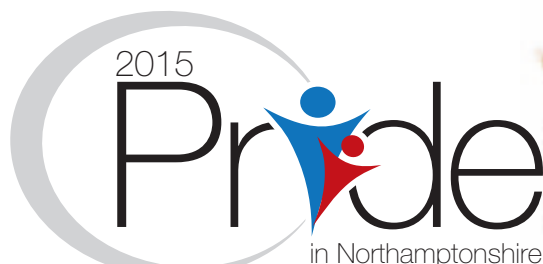
Mo added: "It was James that encouraged me to go to the Fringe so applied and have ended up in one of the big four venues at the Fringe.

"I applied and got lucky. The preview shows will be to keep an eye on timing. I have an hour on the stage. The show hasn't changed that much but people who have been before always say it is different. I will also be performing 24 shows in 27 days which is something I have never done before."

She performs at the The Wee Room at the Gilded Balloon. Mo will perform to around 1,200 people from August 5 to 31.



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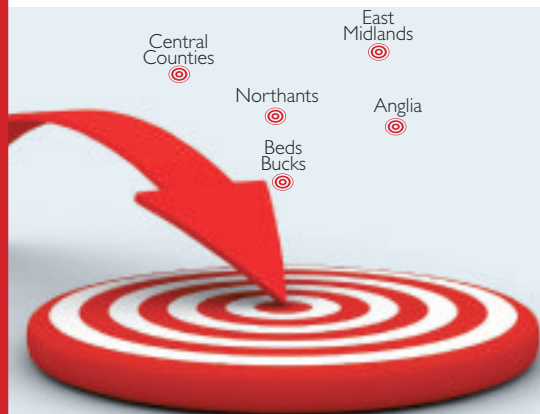
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# Opportunities at Cosworth

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## Project Manager

- We are seeking a high calibre individual to work with the Operations Director to build our project management team.
- The successful candidate must have:
- Excellent customer communication skills
- Project planning and coordination
- Project documentation control
- Internal project status reporting
- Will play a key part alongside Sales preparing data to support tenders and quotations for new business.
- Deliver the project deliverables on time, on budget, at agreed quality

## Zeiss Operator

- Operating Zeiss CMM machine
- Knowledge of measuring automotive engine components or similar, hard gauging included
- Understanding of PPAP and ISIR content

## Production Manager

- Manpower deployment and efficiency
- Skill requirements and training
- Adherence to the process methods
- Adherence to the measurement control plan and SPC targets
- Meeting daily output and quality requirements

## Manufacturing Engineer

- Process Design – Equipment specification validation
- Plant layout and the flow of product between processes
- Material handling
- CNC programme and optimisation
- Line / Operation balance
- Fixture design
- Tooling management and development, Measurement (what and when not how)

## PCDMIS Programmer

- Must have experience in CAD modelling
- Operate PCDMIS offline and online programming
- Experience in PPAP and ISIR work

## Quality Systems Engineer

- Implementation and maintenance of TS16949 on top of an already existing ISO9001 system
- Co-ordinate the internal audit system and manage external compliance audits
- Internal audits/external audits, documentation control and maintain companies Business Processes.
- Continuous improvement, 8D, Six Sigma initiatives highly desirable
- Strategic development of an integrated Management system concept

## Shop Process Technician

- Adhere to all applicable regulations, policies, and procedures for health, safety, and environmental compliance.
- Assist engineers in developing, building, or testing prototypes or new products, processes, or procedures.
- Inspect finished products for quality and adherence to customer specifications.
- Monitor and adjust production processes or equipment for quality and productivity.
- Provide advice or training to other technicians.
- Prepare and assemble materials.
- Troubleshoot problems with equipment, devices, or products.

## Production Engineers

- Produce NC code and support documentation for 2,3 and 5-axis machining of engine components to precise tolerances
- Experience of offline and online programming
- CAM NX6/9, Vericut and knowledge of TDM AutoCAD tool data management is preferred
- Experience of fixture design and manufacturing



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# COSWORTH

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Promotion

## Registration for the latest JobsToday virtual careers fair has now opened

Jobstoday have opened registration for their latest national Virtual Careers Fair to connect talented job seekers to local and national employers.

The Virtual Careers Fair is an online platform where job seekers can browse top companies from across the UK, connect in a real time environment and apply for advertised vacancies; all for FREE and from the comfort of their computers. Proven a popular platform with both employers and job seekers alike, the 12 day fair will take place from the 2nd September to the 13th September.

Exciting online features include chat and video technology; businesses can bring to life their vacancies while job seekers can speak to employers to really show off their skills and expertise to help them land their next job. Job seekers can also take advantage of the compatibility test which allows them to find out which companies are most suited to them.

A wide range of employers will be attending to suit every candidate's needs – great businesses already booked to attend

include Nationwide and Sodexo.

The pre-registration process will guarantee registrants entry to the event ensuring they don't miss out. Plus, all job seekers who register before the 2nd September will be automatically entered into a free prize draw to win an iPad Mini.

Joanne Harwood, Group Category Manager at Johnston Press, said: "Our aim is to help candidates and employers to connect all over the country. With busy lifestyles searching for that perfect job can be a time-consuming exercise, especially when trying to juggle existing work commitments. A virtual experience, which results in the same outcome by helping job seekers find better opportunities at the convenience of their homes, can only benefit job seekers."

Job seekers interested in the fair are encouraged to sign up for free today at [www.jobstodaycareerfair.com](http://www.jobstodaycareerfair.com) to ensure they are guaranteed entry from the 2nd September.

Businesses can find out how to get involved by contacting 0114-299 6173 or emailing [info@jobstoday.co.uk](mailto:info@jobstoday.co.uk)



# SPORT

## New boy Nicky loves Town life

### Adams has settled well at Sixfields after his summer switch

#### FOOTBALL

**Cobblers winger Nicky Adams is loving life at Northampton Town after joining the club at the end of last season.**

Signed on a three-year contract in May after being transfer listed by Bury, the 28-year-old has been one of Town's standout performers in pre-season and he again impressed in Saturday's 1-0 defeat to Derby County in his first outing at Sixfields as a Northampton player.

In a system that gives him licence to roam, Adams and his fellow attackers Alfie Potter and Lawson D'Ath caused Derby problems all afternoon with their movement and the former Wales Under-21 international hopes that is a sign of things to come when the season kicks off next month.

"I enjoyed it," said Adams. "It was a really good game against a good side. They've got some top players but I think for the most part we were the better side and they scored against the run of play."

"The gaffer gives us a licence to play and go and get the ball and I think the way the game goes now as an attacker you don't have a fixed position – as long as you get into a good shape defensively."

"The way the boss wants us to play is going to cause teams problems because defenders can't pick you up and you end up in little pockets."

"I think you saw on Saturday that we played some really good stuff – we couldn't get the goal but even against a good side like Derby you saw they were having problems picking us all up, so if they're having problems then hopefully teams in League Two will have problems as well."

Adams scored once in 44 appearances for Bury last season before he was put on the transfer list in May following the club's promotion to League One. He admitted his shock at being transfer listed but has settled in well since signing for Northampton.

"It's been brilliant. We have a great set of lads here and there's a good camaraderie among the group," added Adams, who was managed by Cobblers assistant Alan Knill when he came through the Bury youth set-up in 2005.

"We all get along really well and that gets you a long way, especially during a long season. When we go to train on the training pitch and go into games I think you can see we all work really hard and we all know what we want to do and we all have one aim this season."



**HAPPY MAN** Nicky Adams is loving life at Cobblers after making a summer move from Bury

PICTURE: SHARON LUCEY

## Ripley warns players over four-day form

**HEAD COACH** David Ripley says Northants' County Championship season is in danger of being 'tarnished' after his team were well beaten by seven wickets by Derbyshire in less than two-and-a-half days on Monday.

And Ripley also questioned his players' mindset, hinting that some of them weren't as up for the LV= Championship Division Two game as they should have been.

The four-day game against Derbyshire started

#### CRICKET

at midday on Saturday, just hours after Friday night's thrilling NatWest T20 Blast win over Yorkshire Vikings in front of 6,000 supporters at the County Ground.

Ripley says he felt his players were off the pace from the start, with their first innings performances with bat and ball their downfall.

"We were 80 runs too many in their innings with 50 extras and then 116 all

out is nowhere where we wanted to be," said Ripley, who has now seen his side comprehensively rolled over the in their past two Championship games, first at Gloucestershire, and now at home by Derbyshire.

"I don't think we got up for this game as much as we should have done."

"That's a little bit about us and a little bit about the schedule but that's there for everybody."

"There's now a danger that our season, which has

been pretty good in the Championship until now, might be tarnished."

"Only a couple of games ago we were robbed by rain of a win at Lancashire, the best side in the division, and now we've had two disappointing defeats."

Derbyshire secured their first victory at Wantage Road since 2002 shortly after lunch on the third day, chasing just 72 for their third win of the season.

The visitors controlled the LV= County

Championship game from the first evening when they built up a first-innings total of 361.

Northants found no response, were bowled out for just 116 in reply - their lowest total of the season - and, despite a better fist of their second innings, gave Derbyshire only a small target to overcome.

For a while on the third morning, Northants were building their lead relatively comfortably through Ben Duckett (154) and Josh Cobb

(35), but Wes Durston made the breakthrough and the final four wickets fell for just 25 runs.

Coming out for three overs before lunch, Derbyshire lost Hamish Rutherford, sharply caught at gully second ball, and there was a nasty blow for Chesney Hughes, who was struck flush on the helmet by Kleinveldt - as a precaution, Hughes did not return to bat after lunch so it was left to Alex Hughes and Durston to complete victory.